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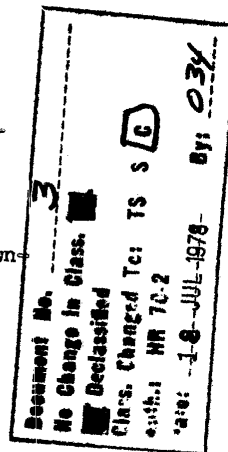
1. There was a debate in Pyongyang on 5 March over the control of the troops in Korea. The North Korean government wishes to control the Chinese Communists but they do not agree.
2. At a meeting in Pyongyang of the North Korean police chiefs (perhaps in early March), a North Korean colonel stated that all troops would be withdrawn to the 39 Parallel and would fight a delaying action between the 39 and 40 Parallels. The North Korean government believes that the UN troops will attempt a landing at Wonsan or Hungnam and is distributing troops to effect a sandwich type of trap when the landing occurs.
3. The Chinese Communist forces in Pyongyang assert that they will not stop fighting even if they are forced back to the Korean border.
- C-6 4. Representatives of the standing committees of the North Korean Labor Party in all the counties of Kangwon Province met on 28 March at Kisan-ni (127-07, 38-35) in the house of WANG Nak-san, owner of a Chinese restaurant in Pyonggang (127-18, 38-35), chairman of the Chinese association there, and interpreter for the Chinese Communist 42 Army Group (sic). The meeting decided the followings:
  - a. Defense lines to be firmly set at the 39 Parallel.
  - b. North Korean troops to fortify the rear areas and transport supplies; the Chinese Communist troops to move back 50 miles from the front lines regardless of the strength of the UN attack and there to defend to their uttermost.
  - c. Staff members and administrative agencies of each county and township to keep pistols and grenades ready for use; high UN and ROK administrative officials captured in the area to be assassinated; some North Korean officials to disguise themselves, collect information on the UN forces, and report it to the Chinese Communists.

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- d. Military mobilization committees in each county to issue interim military certificates to all persons of both sexes aged 16 to 40. If the UN forces reach the 39 Parallel defense line, all holders of such certificates to be mobilized for military service.

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